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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Extended Dissemination of Bulletin

1. I talked further with O/CI this morning and discovered that each one of the addressees in the Pentagon (Secretary of Defense, and Chairman and members of the **Joint** Chiefs of Staff) gets one copy only of the Daily Bulletin. The copies for the Secretary of Defense and for General Bradley go through General Megee. Copies for each of the Service Chiefs go through the appropriate channels in the Service intelligence agency. I could not get from the McMahan level any answer as to why SPS gets a copy although the ostensible reason given was that he needed a file copy to protect him while the other copy was in the Secretary's office. McMahan felt very definitely that the extension of dissemination in the Pentagon might well be connected with the problem of military operational cables, presumably on the argument that we have found it possible to give State an extra copy because they have provided us with specially sensitive materials and that if we could expect the same cooperation from the Services we would be able to give further limited dissemination over there. His suggestion was that perhaps Douglass might raise the point with the Director and I think that approach might be sound except that I don't think Douglass knows what the present status of the General's negotiations with the Pentagon on this matter of operational cables is.

25X1 2. While I was over there Knight McMahan attempted to get us to take over the problem of [ ] cables. Inasmuch as this seemed directly to be a matter involving O/CI and O/NE, I suggested that we would not like to come into the picture unless they were unable to work out their difficulties by direct negotiation. The point at issue here is the use of these special cables which are now in the custody of one of the members of the staff in O/NE and which [ ] feels should be made available in physical fact to O/CI as current intelligence. As I left, Knight McMahan was going to speak directly to [ ] on this subject.

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